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TAGS: PARM, UNGA, UK

SUBJECT: UN SSOD - NEGATIVE SECURITY ASSURANCES

REF: A. STATE 101301 B. USUN 01539

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1. PM DEPUTY DIRECTOR KAHAN CALLED IN FIRST SECRETARY  
ANTHONY REEVE OF UK EMBASSY TO GIVE OUR INITIAL REACTION  
TO THE NEGATIVE SECURITY ASSURANCES FORMULATION SUBMITTED  
BY REEVE EARLIER (REF A). KAHAN OFFERED FOLLOWING  
OBSERVATIONS:

A) USG HAS NOT DECIDED WHETHER IT CAN OFFER NEGATIVE

SECURITY ASSURANCES AT SSOD, BUT IS STUDYING ISSUE ACTIVELY. WE ARE GIVING PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO FORMULA PROPOSED BY UK AND WILL RESPOND AS SOON AS OUR REVIEW IS COMPLETED.

B) ONE OF OUR MAJOR CONCERNS IS OVER POTENTIAL REACTION OF OUR NATO ALLIES AND ROK; WE ARE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN FRG ATTITUDE.

C) WE MUST ALSO CONSIDER WHETHER THIS IS RIGHT TIME FOR U.S. TO MAKE A NEW PROCLAMATION CONCERNING SO SENSITIVE AND VITAL A SUBJECT AS THE USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

D) WITH THESE POINTS IN MIND, WE WOULD FIND IT USEFUL IF UK SURFACED ITS PROPOSED FORMULA AT MAY 2 NATO DISARMAMENT EXPERTS MEETING IN ORDER TO GAUGE ALLIED REACTIONS. IF POSSIBLE, IT WOULD BE VALUABLE IF UK COULD FIRST INFORMALLY TEST ITS FORMULA BILATERALLY WITH FRG.

E) WE TRUST THAT UK IN ITS BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES WILL NOT SUGGEST THAT U.S. ASSOCIATES ITSELF WITH UK FORMULA OR SUPPORTS A NEGATIVE SECURITY ASSURANCE INITIATIVE. WE ALSO ASSUME THAT UK WOULD NOT NECESSARILY EXPECT U.S. SUPPORT FOR THE PROPOSED BRITISH FORMULA, OR ANY OTHER FORMULA, AT DISARMAMENT EXPERTS MEETING.

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F) WE WILL STAY IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH UK AS OUR POSITION DEVELOPS, AND WE WOULD WELCOME TIMELY UK APPRAISAL OF THE RESULTS OF ANY UK/FRG DISCUSSIONS.

2. REEVE ASKED IN RESPONSE WHETHER USG IS ALSO INTERESTED IN FRENCH REACTION, AND WHETHER WE HAVE ANY INFORMATION AT THIS TIME CONCERNING THE FRENCH OR GERMAN ATTITUDES. KAHAN REPLIED THAT WE UNDERSTAND FRANCE IS CONSIDERING A FORMULATION; WE ARE NOT FAMILIAR WITH THE DETAILS. HE ADDED THAT WHILE WE WOULD WELCOME ANY INFORMATION FROM UK ON THE ATTITUDE OF ANY ALLY, THE FRG REACTION REMAINS VITAL. NOTING THE POSITIVE COMMENTS MADE BY FRG OFFICIALS IN NEW YORK ON THE GENERAL SUBJECT OF NEGATIVE ASSURANCES (REF B), KAHAN POINTED OUT THAT BONN'S POSITION ON ANY SPECIFIC FORMULA REMAINS UNCLEAR.

3. REEVE SAID IN CLOSING THAT HE BELIEVED LONDON WOULD HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH THE COURSE WE PROPOSED, AS THE UK WOULD WISH IN ANY EVENT TO SOUND OUT THE OTHER ALLIES. HE INDICATED UK WOULD TRY TO GET FRG REACTION BEFORE MAY 2-3 MEETING OF DISARMAMENT EXPERTS. HE ADDED THAT THE UK WOULD OF COURSE APPRECIATE HAVING U.S. SUPPORT

AT THE MEETING, BUT UNDERSTOOD THAT WE MIGHT NOT BE  
PREPARED BY THEN. VANCE

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